

"The tenth annual meeting of the Pioneer Day was observed at the Clinton Center Baptist Church, Monday, September 5, 1927. The ladies aid served dinner-----Each year some pioneer family history is given. Grandison Loomis, aged 79, related the early Loomis family stating they took up their duties in this country in 1638. Mrs. Augusta Monroe Westgate, aged 84, told of the hardships and pleasant times the early pioneers had and gave a fine report of the Aaron Loomis family, her grandfather. Mrs. Westgate is a daughter of Urula Loomis Monroe who lived to be 99 years old.

Mrs. Flora Loomis Brown gave the Reuben Loomis history. It follows:

REUBEN LOOMIS FAMILY HISTORY

"In 1816, Reuben Loomis left Litchfield County, Connecticut, for the wilds of Pennsylvania, with his wife who was Miss Sallie Westlin. He made his home near the present Bartholomew farm in Pleasant Mt. Township. They were the parents of seven children: Erastus W., who married Nehitabel Muzzey; Oliver H., who as a young man went to Honesdale, and worked in a shoe store. There he was married but died soon after his marriage with what now would be called acute appendicitis; Daniel went West and married and was lost trace of by the family; Hiram Pease married Laura Griswold; Mariette died while yet a young woman; Lucretia became the wife of Renesselar Stephenson of Peckville,

"Erastus and his wife made their home on the farm just north of the Church. He was a man of fiery temperament, yet penitent of his fault. He was extravagant in his tastes, nothing but the very best being good enough. I am told that for many years he carried a fine gold watch which he prized very much, so that he always kept it wrapped in red Flannel when carrying it. Then when he wished to know the time of day he would walk through two or three rooms to look at a clock rather than go to the trouble of unwrapping the watch. He and his wife were very good singers and both sang in the choir, he being the chorister for many years. After the death of his wife, he made his home among his friends throughout the neighborhood, some of them being Ensign McMullen Kirk Gaylord, and Henry Curtis, and later with his brother, Hiram, where he died at the age of 84.

"Hiram as a young man, earned his livelihood in driving oxen and working in the lumber woods. Shortly after his marriage, they became owners of a farm in Clinton. They were parents of four children: Theron Orseumus; Oliver G.; Helen A.; and Francis Earl. He operated his farm for several years then went with his wife and two sons, Theron and Earl, (The children Oliver and Helen having died in early childhood) he moved to Delaware where he was engaged in the merchantile business. Several years later, he returned to Carbondale where for one and one-half years he engaged in the same business. Removing his business interests to Aldenville, Wayne County, he continued merchandising at that place for five years. During his stay in Aldenville, his son Theron worked the farm with Erastus as his housekeeper,